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An ACT *of Parliament paſſed in the Firſt Parliament of King* Charles *the Second in* Scotland, *concerning the League and Covenant, and Diſcharging the Renewing thereof without His Majeſties Warrand and Approbation.*

FOraſmuch as the power of Arms, and entring into, and making of Leagues and Bonds, is an undoubted Privilege of the Crown, and a proper Part of the Royal Prerogative of the Kings of this Kingdom, and that in Recogniſance of His *Majeſties* Juſt Right, the Eſtates of Parliament of this his moſt Ancient Kingdom of *Scotland*, have declared it high Treaſon to the Subjects thereof, of whatſoever Number, leſs or more, upon any pretext whatſoever, to riſe, or continue in Arms, or to enter into Leagues and Bonds, with Foreigners, or among themſelves, without His *Majeſties* ſpecial Warrand and Approbation, had and obtained thereto, and have Reſcinded and Annulled all Acts of Parliament, Conventions of Eſtates, or other Deeds whatſoever, contrary to, or inconſiſtent with the ſame; And whereas during theſe Troubles, there have occurred divers things, in the making and purſuance of Leagues and Bonds, which may be occaſion of jealouſie in, and betwixt His *Majeſties* Dominions of *Scotland*, *England* and *Ireland*. Therefore, and for preventing of all Scruples, Miſtakes or Jealouſies that may hereafter ariſe upon theſe Grounds, the King's *Majeſty*, with Advice and Conſent of His Eſtates of Parliament, doth hereby Declare, that there is no Obligation upon this Kingdom by Covenant, Treaties or otherwiſe, to endeavour by Armes a Reformation of Religion in the Kingdom of *England*, or to meddle with the publick Government and Adminiſtration of that Kingdom. And the King's *Majeſty* with Advice and Conſent foreſaid, doth Declare, That the League and Covenant, and all Treaties following thereupon, and Acts or Deeds that do, or may relate thereto, are not Obligatory, nor do infer any Obligation upon this Kingdom, or the Subjects thereof, to meddle or interpoſe by Armes, or any Seditious way, in any thing concerning the Religion and Government of the Churches of *England* and *Ireland*, or in what may concern the Adminiſtration of His *Majeſties* Government there. And further, His *Majeſty*, with Advice and Conſent of His Eſtates, doth hereby Diſcharge and Inhibit all His *Majeſties* Subjects within this Kingdom, that none of them preſume upon any Pretext of any Authority whatſoever, to require the renewing or ſwearing of the ſaid League and Covenant, or of any other Covenants, or publick Oaths concerning the Government of the Church, or Kingdom, without His *Majeſties* ſpecial Warrand and Approbation; And that none of His *Majeſties* Subjects offer to renew and ſwear the ſame, without His *Majeſties* Warrand, as ſaid is, as they will be anſwerable at their higheſt Peril.

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